Attention: Dan Glickman 7 4 4 1 '00 Jun 19 June 8, 2000 Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061 Rockville Maryland 20852

Re: Organic Foods National Standards

Dear Mr. Glickman

Thank you so much for responding so favorably to our 280,000 letters last year regarding the proposed National standards for Organic Foods.

I approve of the current proposal. It appears to have eliminated all the negative features of the previous one, so that what is labeled as organic will be free of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, sewage sludge and irradiation.

The process of becoming certified must not be too complicated or expensive, but still effective. We need to keep the small farmers in the system. This is where organic farming is most effective and can bring back life to the land and it's farmers.

Can some of the funds you receive be provided to help cover the costs of certifying small farms?

Thank you again.

Sincerely

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